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REMARKS

Claims 1-77 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

The Office Action has set forth that the present application includes a first species as illustrated in Figs. 1-3, a second species as illustrated in Figs. 4-12 and 17-19, a third species as illustrated in Figs. 13-16 and a forth species as illustrated in Figs. 23 and 24. The Examiner has stated that Applicants must select one of these species for prosecution.

Applicants provisionally elect the second species as illustrated in Figs. 4-12 and 17-19 for prosecution, with traverse. According to the Office Action, claims 1-30, 44-47, 68 and 69 are included in species II and claims 61-64, 66 and 72-76 appear to be generic. Accordingly, as set forth in the Office Action, claims 1-30, 44-47, 61-64, 66, 68, 69 and 72-76 will be elected with the election of species II. Furthermore, Applicants submit that claims 36-43, 48-60, 65-67, 70, 71 and 77 should be examined along with the election of species II. First, claims 36-40 belong in at least species II as the subject matter of claims 36-40 is illustrated in Fig. 12. Second, claims 41-43, 57-60, 70 and 71 are generic. On page 13, lines 16-22 of the present application, the invention as illustrated in Figs. 4-12 and 17-19 discloses that crushable inserts and other factors affecting rolling of material, such as the crushable insert disclosed in Figs. 23 and 24 and the bushing described earlier in the application, can be used in the invention disclosed in Figs. 4-12 and 17-19. Additionally, claims 48-56 are generic and can be read on any of the species disclosed in the application. Likewise, claim 65 is generic as all species disclosed in the application include an intermediate tube section defining a frusto-conical area. Furthermore, claim 67 belongs at least with species II as illustrated in Fig. 12. Finally, the features of claim 77 are clearly illustrated in Fig. 12. Accordingly, all claims 1-30 and 36-77 should be examined along with the election of species II.

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Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-30 and 36-77 should be examined and allowed, and in notice to this affect is earnestly solicited.


Respectfully submitted,

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